(h) and (i) DDA has chalked out a programme to accommodate all remaining registrants by the end of 8th Five Year Plan Period subject to availability of land, funds and infrastructure.

Newspaper Report on Urban Overflow

4372. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "Urban overflow swells rural Delhi" appearing in the Indian Express of 5th August, 1994;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken to check the influx of people to Delhi;

(e) whether this influx will continue to rise unabatedly until and unless the National Capital Region (N.C.R.) is developed expeditiously; and

(f) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The rural population of Delhi during the period 1981—91 has increased from 4.52 lakhs to 9.49 lakhs.

(c) The regional Plan 2001 for National Capital Region has been formulated with the objective of limiting the growth of population in Delhi.

(d) to (f) The steps taken to check the influx of people of Delhi are as under:

(i) Parliament enacted the NCR Planning Board Act in 1985 and a full-fledged statutory body called the NCR Planning Board was brought into being to monitor and guide the implementation of the statute.

(ii) For integrated Planning and development of National Capital Region, the NCR Planning Board, has formulated the Regional Plan- 2001. The Regional Plan aims at containing the growth of National Capital Territory of Delhi within a manageable population size of 112 lakhs by 2001.

(iii) The NCR Planning Board has embarked on a strategy for the planned development of integrated townships alongside the Priority Towns, namely, Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr-Khurja Complex, Panipat, Rohtak, Rewari-Bhiwadi Dharuhera and Alwar, and two DMA towns, namely, Bahadurgarh and Kundli, to attract and permanently absorb about 20 lakh people, to be deflected from Delhi, by 2001 A.D.

(iv) The NCR Planning Board has approved the stepped-up investment programme of Rs. 3813 crores for the 8th Five Year Plan, out of which Rs. 1846 crores is in the Central Sector and Rs. 1967 crores is in the State Sector.

(v) The total Central Budget allocation for NCR for the 8th Plan has been stepped-up to Rs. 200 crores, which is to be matched by contribution from the State Governments in accordance with the 8th Plan Investment Programme approved by the Board.

Supreme Court Judgement on Delhi Rent Control Act

4373. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a recent judgement of the Supreme Court [Jt. 1994 (4) SC. 412- 419] relating to Section 14C of the Delhi Rent Control Act, 1958;

(b) if so, what are the facts and details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to make necessary provisions in the light of the Supreme Court judgement in the proposed Delhi Rent Control legislation so as to save a large number of retired/retiring Government employees from unnecessary litigation in the Courts of Law and also to make the DRCA more comprehensive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Delhi High Court vide its judgement dated April, 27, 1992 had dismissed the application filed by the